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1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE PRIVODES A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF EACH  
OF THE ISSUES WHICH EMERGED DURING DISARMAMENT DEBATE AT THE  
32ND UNGA (SEE REFTEL). THESE ISSUES INCLUDE CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
(CW) COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB), MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS  
(MDW), NON-PROLIFERATION, NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES, SALT,  
UN PSECIAL SESSIONS (SSOD) AND WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE  
(WDC). GENERAL WRAP-UP PROVIDING OVERVIEW, AND ANALYSIS  
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OF ATMOSPHERE AND ATTITUDES AT THE 32ND UNGA, CONTAINED  
REFTEL.

2. CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) - THE CW RESOLUTION (A:C.1/32/L.9)  
POSED FEW DIFFICULTIES IN COMMITTEE I THIS YEAR. IT BEGAN  
AS TWO RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY CANADA AND POLAND AND RESULTED  
IN A SINGLE, WIDELY-SPONSORED RESOLUTION WHICH DREW HEAVILY

ON THE LANGUAGE OF LAST YEAR'S CW RES. THE RES STRESSED, ONCE AGAIN, THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING EARLY AGREEMENT ON A CW PROHIBITION AND THE NEED FOR EARLY SUBMISSION TO THE CCD OF THE US/USSR INITIATIVE AND REQUESTED THE CCD TO "CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS..." AND REPORT ON "THE RESULTS OF ITS NEGOTIATIONS" TO THE SSOD AND THE 33RD UNGA. THE RESOLUTION WAS CAREFULLY FORMULATED TO AVOID UNDULY PRESURING THE US AND USSR TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE INITIATIVE, OR PREJUDGING THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS, SO AS TO GAIN CONSENSUS. IT ALSO CLEARLY ESTABLISHED THE CCD AS THE FORUM WHICH WOULD ULTIMATELY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATING ANY CW TREATY. DELEGATIONS WERE, IN GENERAL, QUITE HOPEFUL, EVEN CONFIDENT, THAT CCD NEGOTIATION ON A CW TREATY TEXT WOULD BEGIN THIS SPRING AND, THEREFORE, MORE WILLING THAN IN THE PAST TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS DEBATE.

3. COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) - THE CTB RESOLUTION (A/C.1/32/L.37) THIS YEAR DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR EXERCISE IN THE ART OF COMPROMISE, WITH AUSTRALIA, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND AND SWEDEN ON ONE HAND, AND THE US, UK AND USSR ON THE OTHER SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPING A SINGLE RESOLUTION ON CTB WHICH, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WAS SUPPORTED BY STATES FROM ALL REGIONAL GROUPS -- NOTABLY MINUS CHINA AND FRANCE. TWO CTB RESOLUTIONS WERE TABLED INITIALLY: ONE SPONSORED BY AUSTRALIA, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND AND SWEDEN; AND THE OTHER AUTHORED BY THE USSR AND SPONSORED BY POLAND. IN THE COMPROMISE, BOTH CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLUTIONS WERE DROPPED AND A SINGLE RESOLUTION, BASED ON A REVISION OF THE NON-ALIGNED DRAFT AND INCORPORATING THE TITLE OF BOTH RESOLUTIONS, WAS ADOPTED. THE RESULTANT RESOLUTION REFERS FAVORABLY TO THE CTB TRILATERALS AMONG THE US, USSR AND UK URGING THEM TO "EXPEDITE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS" AND "USE THEIR BEST ENDEAVOURS TO TRANSMIT THE RESULTS FOR FULL CONSIDERATION" BY THE CCD "BY THE BEGINNING OF ITS SPRING SESSION", AND REQUESTS THE CCD TO "TAKE UP THE AGREED TEXT RESULTING FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS...WITH A VIEW TO THE SUBMISSION OF A DRAFT TREATY" TO THE SSOD. THE FINAL RESOLUTION, L.37, GAINED BROAD SUPPORT (89-1 (PRC)-1 (FRANCE))

4. DISARMAMENT DECADE - THE DISARMAMENT DECADE RESOLUTION (A/C.1/32/L.13), SPONSORED BY NIGERIA, INDIA, ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE CCD'S DECISION TO SET UP AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO ELABORATE A "COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME FOR DISARMAMENT," REQUESTING IT TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT ON ITS WORK TO THE SSOD AND ASKING THE SYG TO TRANSMIT TO THE CCD ALL RELEVANT UN DOCUMENTS. THE RESOLUTION WAS AMENDED BY NIGER (A/C.1/32/L.22) TO GIVE IT A MORE THIRD WORLD RING, THUS ATTRACTING WIDER SUPPORT

FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BOTH THE RESOLUTION AND AMENDMENT WERE EASILY ADOPTED WITHOUT DEBATE.

5. DISARMAMENT PERIODICAL - SWEDEN WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR OF THIS RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SYG TO INITIATE PUBLICATION OF A DISARMAMENT PERIODICAL WHICH WOULD PRESENT CURRENT FACTS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT. SAUDI ARABIA TABLED AN AMENDMENT (A/C.1/32/L.15) RECOMMENDING THAT THE UN CONSIDER UNDERTAKING A FILM VENTURE "HIGHLIGHTING THE HUMAN TRAGEDIES AND UNTOLD MISERIES" OF WAR. FOLLOWING A BRIEF DEBATE OVER THE ACTUAL NECESSITY OF A UN CINEMA-GRAPHIC ESSAY ON WAR, THE AMENDMENT WAS DROPPED AND THE RESOLUTION (L.13) EASILY WENT THROUGH BY CONSENSUS.

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6. ESCAR - THE RESOLUTION ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND ITS EXTREMELY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY (A/C.1/32/L.12) WAS DRAFTED AND MANAGED BY ROMANIA. ITS PRIMARY THRUST WAS TO WELCOME AN UPDATING OF THE INITIAL ESCAR REPORT PREPARED IN 1971. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE RESOLUTION BY CONSENSUS; HOWEVER, ROMANIAN RESISTENCE TO REVISIONS IN THE TEXT INTENDED TO SOFTEN ITS BIAS AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES AND THE LINKAGE BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND INCEREASED DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE PREVENTED BROAD CO-SPONSORSHIP.

7. INCENDIARIES - THE SWEDES, WHO HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL FORCE FOR AN INCENDIARIES CONFERENCE, WERE BADLY OUTFLANKED BY THEIR NON-ALIGNED CO-SPONSORS INCLUDING MEXICO. AS A RESULT, ALL THE MAJOR MILITARY POWERS ABSTAINED ON THE RESOLUTION SINCE IT FAILED TO ASSURE THE NECESSARY CONSENSUS PROCEDURES AT THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE AND THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. WHILE SATISFYING NON-ALIGNED UN PHILOSOPHY OF OPPOSING CONSENSUS PROCEDURES, WHICH THEY TRANSLATE INTO A VETO FOR THE SUPERPOWERS, THE RESOLUTION LEAVES IN SOME DOUBT THE WILLINGNESS OF THE US, USSR AND OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE CONFERENCE AS WAS MADE CLEAR IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE.

8. MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) - SEPAATE AND SUBSANTIALLY CONTRADICTIONARY EASTERN AND WESTERN RESOLUTIONS ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (MDW) WERE APPROVED. THE EASTERN RESOLUTION (A/C.1/32/L.4) ECHOING EARLIER RESOLUTIONS ON MDW, REQUESTED THE CCD TO NEGOTIATE A GENERAL TREATY BANNING NEW MDW. THE WESTER RESOLUTION (L.5), INITIATED BY THE UK, URGED ALL STATES TO REFRAIN FROM DEVELOPING NEW MDW WHILE REQUESTING THE CCD TO TAKE APPROPRIATE PREVENTIVE ACTION WHEN AND IF ITS IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY SOME POTENTIAL NEW THREAT.

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IN PLENARY THE EASTERN RESOLUTION RECEIVED SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORT THAN THE WESTERN ONE.

9. NON-PROLIFERATION - NON-PROLIFERATION WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT DISARMAMENT ISSUE THIS YEAR. EARLY IN THE SESSION, THE FINNS TABLED A LENGTHY DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/32/L.3) IN COMMITTEE I ON THE IAEA REPORT, WHICH WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO NPT PARTY DELEGATIONS. MALAYSIA, FRG, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA SPONSORED THE STANDARD, PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION ON THE IAEA REPORT WHICH WAS TABLED IN GA PLENARY. THE YUGOSLAVS, PAKISTANIS, NIGERIANS AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED CO-SPONSORED A RESOLUTION (A/32/15) ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, ALSO TABLED IN GA PLENARY UNDER AGENDA ITEM 14 (IAEA REPORT) SO AS TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRIORITY FIGHT IN COMMITTEE I. THE FINNS MANAGED THEIR RESOLUTION RATHER BADLY, TABLING IT BEFORE THEY HAD AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT FROM CO-SPONSORS. WHEN THE PAKISTANIS AND THE YUGOSLAVS THREATENED TO AMEND THE FINNISH RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR TO TONE DOWN ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE NPT REGIME, THE FINNS DEVOTED MUCH TIME AND EFFORT TO TRYING TO NEGOTIATE A DEAL WHICH WOULD SATISFY ALL CONCERNED, AND SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME TRYING TO FIND BASIS FOR AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE WITH THE PAKISTANIS.

10. THIS DIFFICULTY WAS COMPOUNDED BY A YUGOSLAV THREAT TO HAVE THEIR "PEACEFUL USES" RESOLUTION CONSIDERED AND VOTED ON IN PLENARY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF DISARMAMENT DEBATE WITHOUT ALLOWING DELEGATIONS SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER AND CONSULT ON THE RESOLUTION. STRONG US AND WESTERN EUROPEAN PRESSURE NIPPED THIS YUGOSLAV EFFORT IN THE BUD, HOWEVER, AND PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA ITEM WAS POSTPONED FOR OVER A MONTH.

1. THE TWO RESOLUTIONS REFLECT THE DIFFERING APPROACHES AND ATTITUDES TO NON-PROLIFERATION. THE FINNISH RESOLUTION, THOUGH INCORPORATING REFERENCES TO ALTERNATIVES TO NPT  
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ADHERENCE AND TO THE RIGHTS OF ALL STATES TO PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, CLEARLY GIVES PREFERENCE TO THE NPT AND IAEA IN THIS AREA. THE YUGOSLAV (NON-ALIGNED) RESOLUTION ON THE OTHER HAND, REPRESENTED THE INTERESTS OF NON-NPT PARTIES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION, UNDER "UNIVERSAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY" SAFEGUARDS, FOR THE PEACEFUL USE OF

NUCLEAR ENERGY. FOR THE US, THE MOST UNDESIRABLE ASPECT OF THIS RESOLUTION REMAINS THE REFERENCE TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "AIMED AT PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY;" HOWEVER, SINCE THE ONLY ACTION REQUESTED IS SUBMISSION OF STATES' VIEWS ON THIS MATTER TO THE SYG, THE US WAS ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS PROVISION.

12. NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-FREE ZONES (NWFZ) - AFRICAN NWFZ - NIGERIA DRAFTED THE RESOLUTION ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA WHICH WAS CO-SPONSORED BY 35 AFRICAN NATIONS AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY (118-0-0) BY COMMITTEE I. AS IN THE PAST, THIS RESOLUTION CALLS ON STATES TO "CONSIDER AND RESPECT" AFRICA AS A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE, BUT THIS YEAR ADDS LANGUAGE "CONDEMNING" SOUTH AFRICA. THIS WAS THE STRONGEST RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE I AND THE ONLY CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION OUT OF THE 24. THE CENTRAL ISSUE IN THE RESOLUTION WAS SOUTH AFRICA, REFLECTING THE DESIRE OF AFRICAN NATINS TO RALLY INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AGAINST THE SAG BY "URGENTLY REQUESTING" THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE "APPROPRIATE EFFECTIVE STEPS" TO ENSURE THAT SOUTH AFRICA NEITHER DEVELOPS OR ACQUIRES NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND "APPEALING" TO STATES TO REFRAIN FROM CO-OPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. THE US JOINED IN SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION BUT IN ITS EXPLANATION OF VOTE SAID THAT WE CONSIDERED IT IMPRACTICAL AND UNWISE TO CUT-OFF PEACEFUL, SAFEGUARDED NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND WOULD NOT SUPPORT SUCH ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

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COUNCIL UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THE US ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S ASSURANCES TO US ON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS QUESTIONS.

13. INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE (IOPZ) - THE RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE (A/32/29), DRAFTED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN WAS SIMILAR TO PAST RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR A CONFERENCE OF THE LITTORAL STATES AND INTERESTED EXTERNAL POWERS. IT HAD NEW LANGUAGE NOTING THE US/USSR TALKS ON THE SUBJECT AND "EXPRESSING THE HOPE" THAT HE TALKS WOULD LEAD TO "PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE CO-OPERATION" WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. THE USSR DEL TOLD US INITIALLY THAT THEY WANTED TO "CO-OPERATE" WITH US ON THIS RESOLUTION; HOWEVER, WHEN APPROACHED BY USDEL WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY ABSTAIN SO AS TO AVOID PREJUDICING ONGOING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, THEY CLAIMED THEY COULD NOT GET A CHANGE OF INSTRUCTIONS IN TIME FROM MOSCOW AND BROKE WITH THE US BY VOTING IN FAVOR. IT WAS AN EASY WAY FOR THEM TO WIN NON-ALIGNED APPROBATION WITHOUT RISKING MUCH IN PRACTICE.

14. LATIN AMERICAN NWFZ (TREATY OF TLATELOLCO) - TWO RESOLUTIONS DEALING WITH PROTOCOLOS I (A/C.1/32/L.17) AND

II (A/C.1/32/L.18) OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO SPONSORED PRINCIPALLY BY MEXICO WERE ADOPTED BY LARGE MAJORITIES IN COMMITTEE I. BOTH RESOLUTIONS WERE MODERATE AND AVOIDED LANGUAGE CONDEMNING EITHER FRANCE (PROTOCOL I ADHERENCE) OR USSR (PROTOCOL II ADHERENCE). THIS YEAR'S PROTOCOL I RESOLUTION MADE SPECIAL NOTE OF US SIGNATURE OF THAT PROTOCOL AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME, GAINED OUR SUPPORT. EARLY IN THE SESSION, THE US HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE TIME MIGHT BE RIGHT FOR MEXICO TO CONSIDER INTRODUCING A SINGLE, THREE-PART RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD (A) CALL FOR LATIN AMERICAN STATES TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY; (B) URGE FRANCE TO ADHERE TO PROTOCOL II. MEXICO DID NOT AGREE, HOWEVER, FEELING THAT IT MIGHT ALIENATE SOME LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORTERS TO LUMP THEM TOGETHER AND THUS REDUCE THE INTENDED PRESSURE ON FRANCE AND

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THE USSR.

15. MIDDLE EAST NWFZ - THE MIDDLE EAST NWFZ RESOLUTION (A/C.1/32/L.27) DIFFERED SLIGHTLY FROM PAST RESOLUTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND WAS ADOPTED EASILY BY A LARGE MAJORITY (ZERO NO VOTES AND ONLY ISRAEL ABSTAINED). THE US SUPPORTED THIS RESOLUTION AND MADE A STATEMENT, ALONG LINES OF LAST YEAR'S, REAFFIRMING OUR BELIEF THAT A NWFZ MUST BE NEGOTIATED AND AGREED AMONG THE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE ZONE BEFORE STATES COULD BE EXPECTED TO UNDERTAKE COMMITMENTS REGARDING SUCH A ZONE.

16. SOUTH ASIAN NWFZ - THE RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NWFZ IN SOUTH ASIA (A/C.1/32/L.7), SPONSORED BY PAKISTAN, WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT DEBATE IN COMMITTEE I THIS YEAR. IT IS MODERATE IN TONE AND FOLLOWS LINES SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION, REAFFIRMING THE CONCEPT OF A NWFZ IN SOUTH ASIA, URGING THE STATES OF SOUTH ASIA TO MAKE "ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS" TO ESTABLISH SUCH A ZONE AND CALLING ON NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO "RESPOND POSITIVELY" TO THE PROPOSAL. THE US, FOR THE FIRST TIME, VOTED IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION, SAYING THAT OUR NEW POSITION REFLECTS US SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVE OF ESTABLISHING SUCH ZONES. WE ALSO STATED THAT WE DID NOT REGARD THE RESOLUTION AS BEING DIRECTED AGAINST ANY STATE IN THE REGION; AND HAD IT BEEN OTHERWISE, WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT IT. INDIANS WERE DISAPPOINTED BUT RESTRAINED IN THEIR REACTION.

17. REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS - (A/C.1/32/L.24) CO-SPONSORED BY MEXICO AND SWEDEN. AS IN 1976, THE CO-SPONSORS WERE UNWILLING TO REVISE THEIR DRAFT TO MANDATE FURTHER STEPS TO TEST AND REFINE THE MILITARY EXPENDITURES REPORTING INSTRUMENT. AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT (L.33) REQUESTING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ASCERTAIN WHICH STATES WERE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A PILOT

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TEST AND ADVISE THE SPECIAL SESSION WAS TABLED BY THE US, THE FRG, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UK AND APPROVE BY THE COMMITTEE WHEN MOST NON-ALIGNED (AND THE SOVIET BLOC) ABSTAINED. THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, WAS THEN APPROVED WITH ONLY COMMUNIST ABSTENTION.

18. REGIONAL DISARMAMENT - A RESOLUTION ON REGIONAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT (A/C.1/32/L.26) WAS OFFERED THIS YEAR BY BELGIUM. AN INITIAL DRAFT WOULD HAVE MANDATED A COMPREHENSIVE EXPERTS STUDY OF THE SUBJECT. AS FINALLY TABLED, THE RESOLUTION ONLY REQUESTED THAT VIEWS OF STATES BE TRANSMITTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. NONETHELESS, A NUMBER OF REGIONAL MILITARY POWERS SUCH AS INDIA, PAKISTAN, IRAN, IRAQ, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, NIGERIA, AND THAILAND REMAINED UNHAPPY ABOUT THE RESOLUTION; AND MORE THAN HALF OF THE NONALIGNED STATES ABSTAINED.

19. SALT - THIS YEAR, ONCE AGAIN, MEXICO TABLED A RESOLUTION ON THE NEED TO CONCLUDE THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS (A/C.1/32/L.28). WHILE LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION WAS CONDEMNATORY OF WHAT MEXICO AND OTHERS BELIEVED WERE INSUFFICIENT US/USSR ENDEAVOURS IN THE TALKS, L.28 CALLED ON THE US AND USSR TO IMPLEMENT THE DECLARATIONS OF THEIR LEADERS REGARDING STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AFTER THE MEXICANS ACCEPTED RELATIVELY MINOR REVISIONS PROPOSED BY THE US AND USSR, BOTH NEGOTIATING POWERS WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT.

20. SEABEDS - THIS RESOLUTION WAS DRAFTED BY POLAND (PRESIDENT OF SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE) AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE 3 TREATY DEPOSITARIES (US, UK AND USSR) AND MOST OF THE CONFERENCE VICE-PRESIDENTS. IT COMMENDS THE CONFERENCE, INVITES STATES TO ACCEDE TO OR RATIFY THE TREATY, AND REQUESTS THE CCD TO CONSIDER "FURTHER MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF AN ARMS RACE" ON THE SEABED

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AND REPORT TO THE 33RD UNGA. THE RESOLUTION WAS FORMULATED AFTER THE REVIEW CONFERENCE FINAL DECLARATION AND WAS EASILY ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

21. SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD)- THREE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS UNDER THIS RUBRIC: (1) SSOD PREPCOM REPORTG; AND (2) DECISIONS TO CONDUCT

UN STUDY ON DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, AND (3) STUDY ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY TO DISARMAMENT. THE YUGOSLAV RESOLUTION ON THE PREPCOM REPORT WAS STRICTLY PROCEDURAL AND PRESENTED NO DIFFICULTIES TO DELEGATIONS. THE NORDIC GROUP'S PROPOSAL, WITH US CO-SPONSORSHIP, ENDORSEING THE PREPCOM RECOMMENDATION OF A STUDY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPEMENT AND REQUESTING THE SYG TO APPOINT AN AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS TO "ELABORATE A POSSIBLE FRAMEWORK AND TERMS OF REFERENCE" FOR SUCH A STUDY BY 1 APRIL 1978 WAS AS EASILY ADOPTED AS THE YUGOSLAV RES. THE CYPRIOT RESOLUTION ON A PEACE AND SECURITY STUDY ALSO WENT THROUGH WITHOUT OPPOSITION, ALTHOUGH MANY DELEGATIONS, THE US INCLUDED, EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS AS TO THE NECESSITY OF A UN STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. STRENGTHENING SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR STATES - THIS PAKISTANI-SPONSORED RESOLUTION AGAIN URGED THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO "GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION" TO TAKING ACTION TO STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES AND RECOMMENDING SSOD ACTION "TO EVOLVE BINDING AND CREDIBLE" ASSURANCES TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES. THE PAKISTANIS WERE HOPEFUL OF GAINING US SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE THIS YEAR AND QUITE OPEN TO REVISION IF THE US WOULD VOTE

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IN FAVOR OF IT. OUR SUPPORT FOR HIS ISSUE, HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE REQUIRED AN INTENSIVE POLICY REVIEW AND MORE TIME THAN THAT AFFORDED BY THE UNGA DEBATE TO DEVELOP A NEW POSITION. CONSEQUENTLY, THE US, OUR ALLIES, AND THE USSR ABSTAINED BUT REFRAINED FROM MAKING ANY REITERATION OF OUR POSITION.

23. WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) - THIS YEAR'S RESOLUTION WAS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED BY THE USSR TO TRY TO INCREASE THE CHANCES OF A WDC FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. HOWEVER, IT WAS CAREFULLY REFORMULATED BY NONALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE WDC AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REMOVE THIS BIAS AND PASSED BY CONSENSUS. THE RESOLUTION STRESSES THE BELIEF THAT A WDC "ADEQUATELY PREPARED AND CONVENED AT TAN APPROPRIATE TIME" COULD PROMOTE THE SUCCESS OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS; REQUESTS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS WORK TO THE SSOD AND 33RD UNGA, AND CONSIDER RELEVANT COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS SUBMITTED TO IT BY STATES. THE SOVIETS WERE PERHAPS DISAPPOINTED BY THE OUTCOME, BUT CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE PUSHING FOR A WDC.

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